



Governor Terry E. Branstad  
Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds  
San Wong, Director

**MINUTES**  
**Iowa Commission on the Status of Women**  
**March 19, 2015**  
**Conference call**

**Commissioners present**

Phyllis Peters  
Aaron Sewell  
Dave Gudenkauf  
Sherill Whisenand

**DHR/ICSW staff**

Sanjita Pradhan, Executive Officer, Office on the Status of Women  
Kristen Corey, Program Planner, Office on the Status of Women

**Members of the public - present for all or part of the meeting**

None

**Call to order**

Called to order by chair Phyllis Peters at 1:03 p.m.

**Public comment**

None.

**Presentation: Outline of bills alive after first funnel that fit within the ICSW's 2015 Policy Priorities**

Corey presented an overview of the bills alive after first funnel that fit within ICSW's 2015 policy priorities. The bills alive that fit within ICSW's 2015 policy priorities:

- [HF 258](#)
- [HF 348](#)
- [HF 496](#)
- [SF 150](#)
- [SF 269](#)
- [SF 286](#)
- [SF 300](#)
- [SF 313](#)

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- [SF 336](#)
- [SF 377](#)
- [SF 383](#)
- [SF 395](#)
- [SF 450](#)

Next funnel date is April 3<sup>rd</sup>, which means that bills must pass out of one chamber and a full committee in the opposite chamber before that date.

### **Discussion of 2015 legislative advocacy**

Peters asked commissioners what kind of legislative advocacy the commission would like to do in 2015. Much discussion followed. Whisenand added that it is important to stay within the parameters of the 2015 She Matters: 2015 Issues and Actions report and within the 2015 ICSW priorities.

Whisenand and Peters suggested that the commission could combine the safety legislation into a statement that the commission supports safety for women and include mention of the bills that touch on this, and then mention the bills that affect women business owners and women in poverty.

**Motion for the commission to approve a legislative agenda that encompasses the 13 legislative items presented with the caveat that the safety issues are combined (increasing the penalties for perpetrators and providing services to victims), and that the commission includes the bills related to women in poverty/pay equity and women in business. Chair Peters will reframe the 2015 legislative agenda and send to commissioners for comment & approval so that commissioners can use it to advocate for the commission's 2015 ICSW legislative priorities.**

Whisenand made the motion; Gudenkauf seconded the motion. Whisenand called to question on the motion.

Aye: all

Nay: none

Motion carried.

Chair Peters agreed to reframe the 2015 legislative priorities including current bills going through the legislature and get back to commissioners before the end of the day on Sunday, March 22, 2015 to review, provide comments, and approve.

Peters asked how the commission would like to communicate with the public about the reframed priorities. Gudenkauf suggested sharing the information on the ICSW listserv. Corey agreed to share on the listserv at the request of the commission.

Peters asked if there is anything the commission should draft specifically for legislators. Sewell suggested that once all commissioners review the reframed 2015 legislative priorities and approve, it would be nice to have something summarized enough to send

to legislators since commissioners may be approached to talk about these issues. Peters will summarize and send to commissioners for comment and approval.

**Adjournment**

Gudenkauf made a motion to adjourn. Sewell seconded the motion.

Ayes: all


Nay: none

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Phyllis Peters, Chair

  
Kristen Corey, Program Planner

